Victorian Aboriginal Children & Young People's Alliance

Election Priorities

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian State Election, VACYPA and member ACCOs are calling on all political parties and candidates to commit to six priorities that protect critical services, strengthen Aboriginal community control, support families earlier, and provide the certainty needed to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people and families.

1. Secure the future of Aboriginal child and family services

Continue the $72 million in lapsing funding for ACCO-led child and family services beyond June 2027.

Funding certainty is essential to maintaining critical Aboriginal-led services and ensuring children and families continue to receive consistent, culturally safe support.

2. Invest in Aboriginal-led solutions

Put self-determination into practice.

Aboriginal communities are best placed to design and deliver solutions for Aboriginal children, young people and families. We are calling on all political parties to invest in Aboriginal-led solutions and support the transition of services and resources to ACCOs.

3. Keep Aboriginal families strong

Strengthen early intervention & prevention.

Families should be able to access culturally safe support before challenges escalate. We're calling on all political parties to invest in Aboriginal-led early intervention and prevention services that keep families strong and children connected to family, culture and community.

4. A sustainable sector

Build a strong & sustainable ACCO sector.

A strong Aboriginal community-controlled sector is essential to delivering better outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people and families.We're calling on the next Victorian Government to invest in sector sustainability through fair funding, support for carers and care leavers, and five-year funding agreements.

5. Legislate a Commissioner for Aboriginal Children & Young People

Support a strong, independent voice for Aboriginal children and young people.

Enshrining the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People in legislation would strengthen accountability across government, provide independent oversight and help drive better outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people.

6. Honour commitments already made to Aboriginal communities

Stay the course set by Aboriginal communities.

Victoria has laid important foundations for reform. We are calling on all political parties to honour and implement commitments including under Treaty, Yoorrook recommendations, and *Wungurilwil Gapgapduir: the Aboriginal Children and Families Agreement.*

Read our full election platform

Explore our six priorities and learn how we're advocating for Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities ahead of the 2026 Victorian State Election.

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